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TWO CENTS.

GERMANS SUFFER AWFUL LOSSES

100,000 Men Said to Be Missing from the Crown Prince's Army—Ground Strewn with Dead and Wounded After Repeated Attempts to Regain the Ground Taken by the Allies

The new general offensive of the entente allies on the western front has resulted in the gain of additional ground, both in the Argonne region near Soissons and in the Champagne, according to today's French official statement.

All the heavy German counter attacks are declared to have been beaten off.

French officers estimate that yesterday's futile attempt by the German crown prince in the Argonne brought the losses of his army in this region up to 100,000.

The German assault on the Argonne yesterday is described by French military men as breaking at the first line of defense, which has held up under the preparatory artillery fire of the Germans.

The same thing is declared to have occurred on the three repeated attempts, the ground being left thickly strewn with German dead and wounded.

The Serbian war office at Nish reports two attempts by the Teutonic forces to cross the Drina into Serbian territory, both of which were repulsed.

The Russians claim to have silenced the German land batteries on the Gulf of Riga by the fire of their fleet in a recent bombardment. One Russian warship was hit by a shell, it is stated.

The Serbian minister at Sofia is reported in Budapest despatches through Berlin to have given notice of his intention to leave Bulgaria, giving ill health as the reason. Bulgarian consuls in Macedonia are reported on the same authority to have been withdrawn on a leave of absence.

Berlin has a report that the efforts of Greece to obtain an agreement with Rumania for a common policy have failed.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—The French are now battering the second line of German defenses in the Champagne district, while the British to the north apparently have been able to crush all German counter attacks. So far as can be ascertained the situation on the western front as created by the allied offensive of Saturday and Sunday is about where it was. The attack led by the German crown prince in the Argonne in some places reached the first French line, but nowhere did the Germans break through. While German prisoners are arriving in France by the trainloads, the British wounded from Flanders are beginning to reach London. All have the same story to tell. They describe the terrible bombardment of the allies, before which it seemed impossible that anyone could survive, and the sudden slackening of the fire and the British charge.

How it happened that so many unwounded Germans were captured is puzzling to the public.

PARIS, Sept. 28.—The new offensive movement of the allies has resulted in further gain in the Argonne region near

IN ODD FELLOWS' HALL.

At the regular meeting of Dennis Rebekah lodge Tuesday evening, Sept. 28, the 64th anniversary will be observed. It will be members' night also. Every member is earnestly requested to be present. There will be a short program and refreshments will be served.

AT THE CENTRE CHURCH.

Wednesday, Sept. 29, 6 p. m.—The Christian Endeavor society will have a hot dog roast on Melrose hill. All who can should go on the 5.15 car from the common.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Woman's Aid society of the Baptist church will hold a rummage sale Oct. 7, 8, 9 in the vacant store next to the express office.

NEW ARRIVALS

Another Lot of Dixie No-Tuft
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DUMBA GETS HIS RECALL

Telegraphed State Department from the Summer Embassy Today

**HIS SAFE CONDUCT
WILL BE PROVIDED**

State Department Will Now Take Action Without Waiting for Formal Notice from the Berlin Foreign Office—Will Sail October 5.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—D. Constantin Dumba, the ambassador from Austria-Hungary, telegraphed the state department today from the summer embassy at Lenox, Mass., that he had been ordered home by his government and he asked that safe conduct be arranged for him.

In the light of advices from Ambassador Penfield at Vienna that the Austrian foreign office had given informal assurances that Dr. Dumba would be recalled, the state department construed Dr. Dumba's despatch of today as a notification that official action has been taken by Vienna and will arrange for his safe conduct without waiting for a formal notice from the Austrian foreign office.

This action is considered by the American government as closing the incident.

In his conversation with Ambassador Penfield, the Austrian foreign minister is understood to have told Mr. Penfield that Dr. Dumba's recall was, as a matter of course, final. The state department understands Dr. Dumba will sail Oct. 5.

YALE-HARVARD GAME ON BRAVES FIELD

Annual Football Contest May Be Staged in Boston Instead of in the Stadium.

BOSTON, Sept. 28.—An offer of the free use of Braves field, the home ground of the Boston National league baseball team for the annual football game between Harvard and Yale Nov. 20 was made today to Fred W. Moore, graduate manager of the Harvard athletic association, by James E. Gaffney, president of the Boston club. It became known today that there was a possibility that the football contest might not be staged in the Harvard stadium, owing to the withholding by the city authorities of permission to erect temporary wooden stands, which would increase the normal seating capacity from 22,000 to more than 40,000.

Braves field has accommodations for 45,000. The building commissioner stipulated that concrete fireproof stands be built at the stadium and the Harvard athletic authorities declare there is not time for such construction.

TOWNSHEND.

Shade Trees Blown Down by Wind.

During the high wind Sunday night one of the large maples in front of W. H. Miles's residence was blown over, tipping to the south across the road, while a row of space between the house and another large maple tree. No damage was done except to one blind and a few boards stripped from the jet. Directly across the street half of a shade maple in E. B. Batchelder's yard was split off and fell across the road.

Another maple in E. W. Sage's front yard blew down across the road, while a large elm in front of C. H. Willard's place was split in two. Mrs. Anna Cummings lost a large limb from a fine Atrachan apple tree. Several trees north of the village fell in such a way as to delay traffic.

Four telephone poles were broken down by the wind across the road, putting the village out of communication with central.

Mrs. I. E. Chase is under the doctor's care this week.

James Franklin has been ill several days with an attack of bilious fever.

Mrs. Emma Persons returned Wednesday from a week's visit in Boston, where she had been studying suits and gowns.

Mrs. Laura Morey, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. George Cheney, returned Tuesday to her home in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lindsey and son and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lindsey and daughter were guests on Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Almon Marsh in Harmonyville.

Mrs. Alma Cummings and daughter, Marion, Eloise and Beatrice Cummings, went Monday to Bondville to visit and to attend the fair. Little Elizabeth Barber is at the home of her father, Herbert Barber, during their absence.

According to the geological survey there is a good reason to believe that Louisiana is underlain by one of the greatest natural gas fields in the United States.

The United States holds property in the City of New York valued at \$66,331.00.

EDGETT WINNER IN FRAUD CASE

Secures Perpetual Injunction Against Trial of Suit in This County Involving Farm Deal.

Chief Justice Aiken of the Massachusetts superior court has rendered his decision in a chancery suit alleging fraud and misrepresentation in which S. W. Edgett of Brattleboro, a real estate dealer, was one of the defendants. He finds that there was no representation made which the plaintiff had a right to consider authoritative and grants a perpetual injunction against the trial of the suit in Windham county. The case was tried last December at the Franklin county court in Greenfield, Mass.

The suit was first brought in Windham county by F. H. Palmer of Newfane against Frank V. Doolittle of Northfield, Mass., and Sidney W. Edgett of Brattleboro, the latter being the agent who negotiated the trade of the farms owned by Palmer and by Doolittle and Carpenter.

This trade was made in the fall of 1910. Palmer trading a farm in Newfane for one owned by Doolittle and Carpenter in Gill, Mass. It was alleged that the representation claimed to have been made was that the Gill farm would cut 70 tons of hay and that the representation was false in that the farm would cut only 15 tons. Palmer paid some "boot" for the farm and asked damages of \$2,500.

Soon after the original suit was brought Mr. Doolittle died and service could not be made on Mr. Carpenter. This left Mr. Edgett as the sole defendant in Vermont and he brought a bill in equity in Franklin county asking that the action be tried in Massachusetts, where all parties living were concerned in the suit could be in court. Mr. Edgett claimed that any representation he made were those he had been authorized to make by Mr. Doolittle.

The bill in equity was brought for Mr. Edgett by Attorney Hermon E. Eddy of Brattleboro and Fred L. Greene of Greenfield. W. A. Davenport of Greenfield represented the Doolittle estate. O. B. Hughes of Brattleboro and Homer Sherman of Charlestown, Mass., appeared for the plaintiff.

The case may be taken to the Massachusetts supreme court on appeal.

KIMBALL EXPLAINED PAYMENTS TO WESTON

Amount Paid to Bellows Falls Attorney Was \$14,350 and \$500 for Retaining Fee.

CONCORD, N. H., Sept. 28.—At the resumption today of the public service commission's investigation of railroad expenditures to influence legislation in this state, President Benjamin A. Kimball of the Concord & Montreal railroad read a statement correcting the testimony given by him last week. At that time the impression was given that about \$28,000 was paid to George A. Weston of Bellows Falls, an attorney for the Concord & Montreal, in the campaign against the extension of Grand Trunk lines in New Hampshire. Today Mr. Kimball said Mr. Weston actually received \$14,350 in addition to a retaining fee of \$500. The money was paid back to the Concord & Montreal by the Boston & Maine railroad. The campaign had actually begun, however, before Mr. Weston entered the fight. Mr. Kimball himself had expended \$12,965 and it was decided to repay this money to Mr. Kimball through one of the attorneys rather than to pay it to him personally as an individual or as president of the Concord & Montreal railroad. Therefore \$12,965 of the money for which Weston received was used to reimburse Mr. Kimball.

EUGENE ADAMS DEAD.

Was Formerly Superintendent of Centre Congregational Sunday School.

Eugene Adams, 66, died yesterday morning in the home of his son, Dr. H. B. Adams, 43 Florence gardens, Springfield, Mass., after a long illness. He spent the first of his married life in Brattleboro, where he was connected with the old hardware firm of C. F. Thompson. He was actively interested in the work of the Centre Congregational church, where he was Sunday school superintendent several years. He moved to Springfield in 1896, to become a traveling salesman for Homer Foot & Co. Thirteen years ago, he went to New York city, where he lived until recently. He leaves his wife, and five children, Dr. H. B. Adams of Springfield, Mrs. C. S. Hurlbut, East Longmeadow; Theodore F. Adams, Perth Amboy, N. Y.; Mrs. John J. Starr, Cleveland, Ohio; and Miss Grace E. Adams, New York city.

The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at 43 Florence gardens. Burial will take place in Northampton.

CHILD'S BURNS FATAL.

Beatrice Dow Scalded by Water at Montpelier.

MONTPELIER, Vt., Sept. 28.—Beatrice, 4, daughter of Fay Dow, caretaker of Montpelier seminary, died at Heaton hospital Monday of burns received Saturday night when children tipped over a kettle of scalding water. Capitolo Dow, 11, sister of Beatrice, was badly burned, but will recover.

CHESTER HAS \$1000 FIRE.

Fire and water caused nearly \$1000 damage at the town hall building at Chester Monday. The blaze is supposed to have started from a defective chimney. The greatest damage was wrought in the postoffice and the offices of the town clerk and treasurer. The alarm was given by the engineer of a passing train. The loss is covered by insurance.

THE WEATHER.

Fair Tonight and Wednesday — Frosts Tonight—Northwest Winds.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—The weather forecast: Fair tonight and Wednesday. Frosts tonight. Fresh northwest winds.

TOWN WRECKED BY EXPLOSION

Tank Car Blows Up, Covering Ardmore, Oklahoma, with Burning Oil

**FIFTY-TWO BODIES
TAKEN FROM RUINS**

The Search Is Still Going on and Several of the 250 Injured Persons Will Die—Property Loss Is Fully \$1,000,000—Dynamite Caused Main Wreck.

ARDMORE, Okla., Sept. 28.—Sixty persons are believed to be dead and 250 injured, most of them dangerously, when a 250 barrel tank car of gasoline standing near the Santa Fe freight office in the business district exploded this afternoon.

The tremendous force of the blast wrecked many buildings and threw burning gasoline in every direction. A few minutes later the whole town was at the mercy of a score of fires. At 6:30 the fires were under control and the city was placed under martial law. A spark from a hammer ignited gas fumes which came through a small leak in the tank and caused the explosion. Two workmen were busy on the tank at the time. Both were killed.

Private houses were thrown open to the injured immediately after the explosion, and a score of men began working in the ruins in the main part of the town for victims.

The buildings destroyed besides the railroad station, included those of Swift & Co., Pennington Wholesale Grocery company, Whittington Hotel, Madden & Co., dry goods, and DeWitt & Co., tobacconists. Not a building on Main street escaped damage. The publishing plants of the Daily Ardmoreite and the Statesmen were badly damaged.

All school buildings, business houses and residences within twelve blocks of the business district bear evidences of the explosion. Practically every window in town was shattered by its force.

The flames spread rapidly until all of Main street appeared a roaring furnace. Thirty freight cars in the Santa Fe yards were destroyed. The pall of smoke hanging over the whole city prevented the rescuers from doing effective work.

The roof of the Whittington hotel was blown off by the force of the first explosion, but all patrons were believed to have saved their lives.

The entire block in which the Pennington Wholesale Grocery company was located was razed by fire.

Acts of heroism were many. A woman waiting at the railroad station with a baby in her arms and a four-year-old child at her side dashed three blocks with her double burden, her own clothes blazing as she ran. Passersby smothered the flames with bare hands. The mother was taken to a hospital dangerously burned. The children were not seriously injured.

Ardmore was cut off completely from the outside world. Telephone and telegraph communication was severed by the wrecking of poles.

Fifty-two bodies have been recovered so far. Some of the dead are so badly mangled that it may be considerable time before they can be identified. Three bodies were burned to a crisp, and it is certain that some of the other victims trapped in the burning buildings will be charred beyond all hope of recognition. Several of those reported as injured will die from the effects of inhaling burning gasoline. The property loss is fully \$1,000,000.

Railroad men in the yard at the time of the explosion say the tank car was put on a siding because it was leaking so that a pool of gasoline had formed under it. The car inspector, the railroad men say, mounted the car, unscrewed the cap and peered in. Just then the gasoline became ignited, the inspector, the car, and every loose piece of material within 100 yards was hurled into the air.

Dynamite in the freight storehouse was set off by the concussion of the gasoline explosion. The damage caused by this was greater than that caused by fire following. The dynamite explosion demolished nearly a score of buildings.

Ardmore is a town of 8,600 population in Carter county, 60 miles south of Muskogee. It is in a rich farming and grazing district and has a large cotton market. Asphalt and coal mines are located near the city limits. An abundance of oil prevails in the vicinity. It is on the Rock Island, Frisco and Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railroads.

RESPONDENT SAID HE WAS GENERAL

Special Justice E. J. Waterman Sentenced Vagrant to Six Months from "Fort Brattleboro."

A man who gave his name as George Bernard Taylor and who claimed to have 10 years' back pay due him from the government as a general who had served in the marine corps on Staten Island, was sentenced by Special Justice E. J. Waterman of the municipal court this morning to serve six months in the house of correction at Rutland for vagrancy. He will be observed as to his mental condition and if determined to be mentally unbalanced will be transferred to the state asylum at Waterbury. He said that he had been in Rutland jail from March to July, having been committed from "Fort Benning." "You go up this time from Fort Brattleboro," announced the court.

Taylor was caught last evening in the entryway of the schoolhouse in West Guilford after Deputy Sheriff Frank Wellman and State's Attorney O. B. Hughes had concluded a long search for him in barns and other buildings through that section. This was the result of a complaint telephoned to the officials from that village that a man, evidently mentally unbalanced, had been begging food for two or three days.

On being lodged in the lockup Taylor exclaimed: "Well! This is some warmer than out there in the school house."

ABOUT 2000 EMPLOYES
RETURNED TO WORK

As Many More Are Still Idle at the Plant of the United States Cartridge Co.

LOWELL, Mass., Sept. 28.—About 2,000 employees of the United States Cartridge company returned to work this morning following an absence of two weeks, caused by a strike of unskilled help. There are now about 2,500 employed in the works, with 2,500 still idle. The company, according to its officers, has agreed to abide by any decision the state board of arbitration may make on the question of wages, following an investigation of conditions.

BRATTLEBORO LOCAL.

Mrs. Charles E. Bingham is entertaining the 1904 birthday club this afternoon in her home on High Lawn road.

The executive committee of the Christian Endeavor of the Baptist church were entertained last evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Pretlow on Terrace street. A business meeting was held.

Bishop A. C. A. Hall of Burlington preached in St. Michael's Episcopal church Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock before a congregation which filled the church. He also confirmed a class of nine. This was Bishop Hall's first visit in two years. His sermon was delivered in his usual vigorous manner.

W. G. Horton has received prizes from Field and Stream, a sportsman's publication, for his capture on August 1 of a five and one-half pound smallmouth bass in Sunset lake. The value of the prizes aggregate \$9.50 and of especial value to fishermen. His was the fourth prize awarded for the largest fish caught between the dates of July 15 and August 15.

The body of Clarence Birch of Bradford, Conn. who was electrocuted Saturday while at work in the employ of the Branford Electric Co., was brought here at 2 o'clock today and taken to the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Birch of Elliot street. Rev. Thomas W. Owens, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated at the funeral service which was held at 2:30 o'clock.

The N. E. O. P. corn roast, which was postponed from last week, will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, evening at L. A. Howard's on Guilford street. The members will go by auto truck, leaving Grand Army hall at 7.15. Mr. Howard extends a cordial invitation to all the members. Those who can go are asked to notify H. M. Sweetland, Canal street, or Mrs. Ida Stafford, Elliot street, as soon as possible.

The Broadway star feature, "In the Days of Famine, in three acts, will be shown today at the Princess theater. This production is full of action, featuring Donald Hall, James Morrison, Dorothy Kelly and George Cooper. Tomorrow the five-act metro, production, "The Right of Way, will be shown, with William Faversham and Jane Gray, or Gladys Gray, who formerly was leading lady for the Lorne Elwin stock company.

Mrs. F. R. Newell and Mrs. Harrie B. Chase gave a bridge party last evening at the home of Mrs. Newell, in honor of Mrs. Dana Gilman who will go next week to join Mr. Gilman at Sedalia, Mo., where they will make their home. Mrs. Frank E. Barber won the first prize at bridge and Mrs. Oscar E. Benson the second. Refreshments were served by the hostesses. Mrs. Gilman was presented a handsome leather handbag.

The railroad station was a busy place this morning with people starting for one of the various fairs in this locality today. Some were going to Greenfield, Mass., for the first day of the fair in that town. Others were headed for Bellows Falls for the street fair there and still others were going over the West River branch to get as near to the annual fair at Bondville as it is possible to do by train. Many others from Brattleboro attended one or another of the fairs by automobile.

TIME TAKEN BY WIRELESS

Apparatus Used by Vaughan & Burnett Gives Exact Noon and 10 P. M.

**AERIAL ON ROOF OF
HOOKER BUILDING**

One of Several Sets of Wireless Apparatus in Brattleboro and Only One Attuned Solely for Obtaining Time—Messages Come 400 Miles.

By means of a wireless service recently installed Vaughan & Burnett, jewelers, are obtaining from the government wireless station at Arlington, near Washington, the exact time at noon and at 10 p. m. The apparatus is attuned only for Arlington and only despatches from that station are heard. The distance is about 400 miles in an air line.

The aerial on the roof of the Hooker building, which was installed by A. M. Bennett of West Brattleboro, who has had an elaborate apparatus there for some time and has developed expert ability, is composed of four strands of phosphor bronze wire 100 feet long. The terminal enters the rear of the store, where the firm has a radio receiving transformer, a Murdock variable condenser, a Clapp-Eastman fixed condenser, a Blitzen duplex loading coil and a crystal detector. With this apparatus the correct time is easily and instantly received at noon and at 10 p. m.

The method of sending the time is interesting. At 11:55 a. m. the instrument begins beating the seconds, skipping the 29th second and starting again on the 30th, and continuing until the 55th second when it skips to the 60th second, thereby assuring absolute accuracy. This continues until 20 seconds of noon, when the beats are skipped until the final one on the absolute dot of 12 o'clock.

This is only one of several more or less elaborate sets of wireless apparatus installed in Brattleboro, but it is the only one attuned solely for the purpose of obtaining the absolute time.

TELEPHONE LINES
AGAIN IN SERVICE

Damage Done by High Wind Repaired—Linemen Work Long Hours—Crew from Bellows Falls Helps.

From 7 o'clock Sunday evening until 8 o'clock last evening without rest three linemen of the telephone company in Brattleboro worked to repair damage done by the severe wind. When they finally quit for a few hours' sleep the greater part of the damage had been repaired. All of the trunk lines had been put in operation again and on the majority of the local lines service had been restored.

This morning a crew from Bellows Falls came down and began the work of replacing the broken cable on Tyler street caused by the big tree falling on it. This cable, for a distance of about 200 feet had to be reconstructed almost entirely, and with the necessity of resetting poles it was more of a job than the small local crew could handle.

ORVILLE R. LEONARD'S WILL.

Made Provision for Education of Nephew and Niece in Brattleboro.

By the terms of the will of Orville R. Leonard, who died recently in Detroit, Mich., the bulk of his extensive property is left in trust to his nephew, Leonard M. Wright of Cambridge, Mass. The estate is largely in realty and cash. Other relatives are handsomely remembered and personal friends are left mementoes that have endearing associations. Provision is made for the education of his nephew and niece, Charles and Harriet Leonard of Brattleboro, \$2,000 being assigned to each for that purpose. A bequest provides for the care of his sister, Mrs. L. J. Retting of Mt. Clemens, Mich. To Albert W. Flint of Detroit is left books, photographs and other matter collected during the Spanish-American war, when Mr. Leonard, as a member of the Michigan naval reserves, served on the Yosemite in West Indian waters. To George B. Yerkes is left a Japanese cigarette case and to Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Sherer a bequest of \$300, with pictures and furniture.

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